

STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION TO ISSUE PERMIT AND PUBLIC  
HEARING NOTICE

**General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity**

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has reached a tentative determination to reissue the General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity, MDRC (General Permit).

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013, at 10:30 am at the Maryland Department of the Environment Aeris/Aqua/Terra Conference Rooms, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland, 21230.

The permit is necessary to protect water quality and to meet federal and State requirements under Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 122.26 and 40 CFR 450, as well as Code of Maryland Regulations COMAR 26.08.04.09A. It replaces all prior General Permits for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity that have been previously issued. All construction activity in Maryland disturbing one or more acres needs to be covered under the General Permit. The new proposed permit includes numerous changes from previous permits and should be reviewed carefully. Several key changes that should be noted are: (1) a change to the public notification period following submission of the NOI before permit coverage is approved; (2) specific requirements to meet federal effluent limitation guidelines at 40 CFR 450; (3) emergency authorization procedures in the event of public emergencies; and (4) several clarifications, including which types of projects and discharges are eligible for coverage under the General Permit.

Fees for permit coverage are proposed to remain the same unless changed in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR).

Persons who wish to present information regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing, submit written comments at the public hearing, or submit a written statement to the Department no later than August 19, 2013. All comments will be considered in the preparation of a final determination. Written comments should be addressed to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland, 21230-1708, Attn: Karen Smith. Supporting information for the tentative determination, including a copy of the permit, will be available no later than July 12, 2013, and may be viewed on the Department website, [www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us). Any hearing impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the public hearing by giving five days notice at the address listed above or by contacting Ms. Smith at 410-537-3510.